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In the Specification:

At page 1, line 1, please amend the title to recite -- Method of Using IL-11 for Treating Antibiotic Induced Diarrhea --.

At page 8, line 21, please replace "12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland" with --

10801 University Boulevard, Manassa, VA 20110-2209 --.

REMARKS

The claims are 1, 7 and 27. Applicants have amended the claims in order to more clearly point out and more distinctly claims what is considered to be the invention. No new matter has been added. The claims as now presented are reproduced in the Compilation of Claims attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

The Examiner has made several objections to the specification and claims on formal matters. It is believed that the above amendment addresses all of these formal matters.

Claims 1, 7 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The above amendment addresses these rejections.

Claims 1, 2 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being anticipated by Yang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,700,664), Bennett et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,215,895), Keith et al. (1994), and Keith et al. (1995). Although Applicants do not accede to the grounds for rejection under Section 102, in order to further prosecution of the present application, claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice to present such claim in a subsequent application. Moreover, claim 1 has been amended to recite a